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LOCAL MAN SENTENCED TO 65 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TAX FRAUD

PHILADELPHIA - Anthony Trimble, 59, of Exton, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 65 months in prison for conspiring to defraud the United States and corruptly attempting to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service, causing millions of dollars of tax losses. In addition to the prison sentence, Trimble was ordered to pay \$5.7 million in restitution, a \$200 special assessment, and serve three years of supervised release. The Court ordered Trimble to report to prison by December 1, 2008.

Defendant Anthony Trimble was a top salesman for a Texas-based group called Commonwealth Trust Company ("CTC"). The group (not affiliated with the Wilmington, Delaware firm by the same name) encouraged investors to place income and assets into trusts for the purpose of evading federal income taxes. CTC marketed two domestic trusts and one offshore trust to its clients. Based on CTC instructions, many of the clients did not file tax returns or filed materially false tax returns. As part of the scheme, CTC told clients they could escape paying income taxes by diverting income through CTC's series of trusts. CTC also instructed clients to transfer their assets into one of CTC's domestic trusts to conceal and protect property from IRS liens and seizures. In particular, Trimble assured an undercover law enforcement officer that CTC could assist the agent move a "substantial six-figure" amount of cash to off-shore accounts tax-free.

Defendant John Crim, the leader of the conspiracy, was convicted in a jury trial in January 2008 along with co-defendants John Brownlee and Constance Taylor. Defendant Crim received a sentence of 96 months in prison, and defendant Brownlee received a sentence of 78 months in prison. Defendant Taylor is awaiting sentencing on October 20, 2008. All three defendants remain in custody.

The case was investigated by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Stephen A. Miller and Vineet Gauri.

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